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Ms. Gwen Zervas, P.E.
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RE: **Ventron-Velsicol Superfund Site**
RI/FS Progress Report – November 2002

Dear Ms. Zervas:

This Progress Report is submitted pursuant to Section 4.2 of the *Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) Work Plan* and summarizes activities which took place in November 2002, and also describes activities anticipated for December of 2002.

Activities Performed during the Reporting Period

The draft *Human Health Risk Assessment* (HHRA) and *Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment* (BERA) were submitted on April 27, 2001. Agency comments to the HHRA were received on September 21, 2001, and a response was submitted on November 2, 2001. Agency comments to the November 2, 2001 response were subsequently received on May 24, 2002, a response to which was submitted to the Agencies on June 28, 2002.

The Agencies provided formal comments to the revised RI Report on February 2, 2001. Certain comments were addressed as part of the HHRA and BERA. A response to the remainder of the comments was submitted to the Agencies on May 10, 2001. The Agencies provided comments to the May 10, 2001 response on November 8, 2001, and additional comments on April 18, 2002. A response to the Agencies' April 18, 2002 comments was submitted on May 22, 2002. In addition, a *Work Plan* for a supplemental groundwater sampling and soil assessment was initially submitted on May 30, 2002, and was subsequently revised and resubmitted on June 11, 2002. On August 28, 2002, the Agencies provided comments and conditional approval to the May 22 and May 30, 2002 submittals.

The Agency approved *Supplemental Groundwater Sampling and Soil Assessment* was completed during the month.



Summary of Findings

No findings occurred during this reporting period.

Project Schedule Changes

A revised RI/FS project schedule for OU1 was submitted to the Agencies on December 8, 2000. This schedule indicated that both Risk Assessments were to begin by December 1, 2000, and the Feasibility Study would be completed by June 2002. However, the schedule was subsequently amended during an October 21, 2001 conference call with the Agencies when it was agreed that the overall project schedule would be revised in the future.

Pursuant to the Agencies' April 18, 2002 RI Report comments, the supplemental groundwater sampling and soil assessment was completed during the month, the scope of which had been conditionally approved by the Agencies on August 28, 2002.

Deliverables Submitted during the Reporting Period

The following was submitted during the reporting period.

- The monthly RI/FS Progress Report.

Summary of Problems or Delays

No problems or delays occurred during the month.

Actions to Correct Problems or Delays

No corrective actions were taken during the month because no problems required addressing.

Work Planned for the Next Reporting Period

The following work is planned for the next reporting period.

The draft of the supplemental soil and groundwater assessment is being prepared.

Key Personnel Changes

There were no personnel changes during the month.

Changes in Scope of Work

No changes in the project scope occurred during this reporting period.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Walanski'.

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